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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM PLANS TO OPEN EMBASSY
IN MANILA

1. PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR JOSE EVANGELISTA GAVE A DINNER
SEPTEMBER 11 FOR VARIOUS MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS
INCLUDING POLISH AND VIETNAMESE AMBASSADORS, BURMESE,
JAPANESE AND US CHARGES, PLUS SOME US SPECIALIZED
AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS.
CHINSE AMBASSADOR DROPPED OUT BECAUSE OF MAO MOURNING.

2. AT END OF DINNER EVANGELISTA OFFERED TOAST TO THE
HEALTH OF ALL PRESENT. VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR (NGO DINH
LIEM) JUMPED UP AND SAID THAT SINCE HE KNEW IT WAS
PRESIDENT MARCOS' BIRTHDAY HE WOULD OFFER A TOAST TO
HIS HEALTH. POLISH AMBASSADOR REMARKED: "THE VIET-
NAMESE KNOW EVERYTHING." VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR REPLIED
"NO, BUT I HAVE BEEN READING UP ON THE PHILIPPINES
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BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO OPEN AN EMBASSY THERE."

3. PHILIPPINE MINISTER CRISTETA FERIA CONFIRMED TO ME
THAT NGO DINH LIEM HAD APPREARED AT THE PHILIPPINE
EMBASSY THAT MORNING (SEPTEMBER 11) TO MAKE THIS SAME
ANNOUNCEMENT.

4. FURTHER DETAILS AS AVAILABLE.
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